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In re Application of: )  
Gary K. Michelson )  
Serial No.: 10/047,545 ) (Group Art Unit: 3764)  
Filed: January 16, 2002 ) (Examiner: M. Brown)  
For: THREADED FRUSTO-CONICAL )  
INTERBODY SPINAL FUSION )  
IMPLANTS )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
OFFICE OF INITIAL PATENT EXAMINATION  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO  
FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS**

In response to the communication dated February 15, 2002, Applicant submits herewith a substitute specification on A4 paper complying with 37 CFR 1.52, along with the return copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers.

Applicant also submits herewith 4 sheets of formal drawings for Figs. 1-8 to replace the informal drawings currently on file in the above-identified application, noting that these formal drawings contain no new matter.

Please associate the enclosed substitute specification and formal drawings with the above-identified application. If for any reason they are not in full compliance with the pertinent statutes and regulations, please so advise the undersigned.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 50-1066.

Respectfully submitted,

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